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LITTLE THINGS COUNT

Charles V. Stanton

An interesting bit of psychology was called to my attention recently by Dr. George L. Wadsworth, manager of the veterans hospital at Roseburg.

Heretofore the hospital administration has maintained a large farm acreage. It has operated on the theory that the best physical and mental therapy is to be obtained by outdoor work with soil and growing things. These therapeutic values have definite proof and are generally used in neuro-psychiatric hospitals everywhere.

The mentally disturbed patient, given a piece of ground for which he has sole responsibility and a chance to produce something of value, obtains from Mother Nature physical and mental healing no miracle drugs or scientific inventions can duplicate.

No patient is forced to work. He is given the opportunity to take over a plot of ground, if he so desires. Most of the patients like to spend some of their time at this outdoor labor.

Peculiarly, though, when Dr. Wadsworth recently started a landscaping program, he found a rare enthusiasm among patients. It was puzzling at first, but a little research revealed that the majority of the patients are from the Pacific Northwest and are interested in trees.

Ambitious Program Outlined

Under Dr. Wadsworth's direction, hospital maintenance crews, assisted by patients, have planted more than 4,000 trees on hospital grounds. Boy Scouts set out another 2,000. Plans call for another 4,000, plus replacements for those seedlings failing to survive from earlier plantings. In addition to trees, the ambitious landscaping program calls for many acres of lawn, shrubs and flowers.

Patients have exhibited an enormous pride in the tree-planting project and the general landscaping theme. They tenderly nurse the young seedlings and grieve when one dies.

Dr. Wadsworth has found that environment is of great influence upon project success. In Iowa, where he previously was stationed, patients were anxious to participate in the farm operation. But patients from the Northwest, where trees fit into the industrial and recreational picture, have little interest in growing farm crops, but are exhibiting great enthusiasm for tree planting.

A few, naturally, still are fond of farming. To satisfy their needs, a limited garden project will be maintained. The administration, though, is going out of the business of growing produce for hospital use.

Office Atmosphere Created

Dr. Wadsworth is described by one of his staff members as a "fiend for detail." I can well understand that description after an inspection of changes made at the hospital.

Dr. Wadsworth is in charge of a hospital for treatment of patients with nervous and mental disorders. He heeds to a theory that "everything should be done for the patient." He believes that surroundings can exert a powerful healing influence.

In keeping with this theory, he has endeavored to relieve, insofar as possible, the atmosphere of a hospital. The institution more closely resembles a large business establishment.

This change has been achieved by little things. For example, the directory, which lists offices and departments, was switched to the type normally found in an office building. Instead of uniform color scheme throughout, as is generally found in an institution of this type, Dr. Wadsworth has caused quarters and rooms to be decorated in a variety of warm and pleasing colors, thus relieving monotony. Many similar schemes, most of them minor in character, combine to give a more comfortable and soothing environment which Dr. Wadsworth believes will be conducive to earlier discharge of curable patients.

The Roseburg hospital has always had fine record for discharges — one of the best among N-P hospitals. Dr. Wadsworth hopes by a program of little things not only to maintain this reputation but to improve it.

Sen. Neuberger Lays Blame For Hells Canyon Decision On Private Utility Firms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) charged Saturday that "political partisans of private utility companies are willing to wreck the Northwest's salmon fisheries to gain their goal."
This is made "conclusively clear," he said in a statement, by the text of the Federal Power Commission's ruling in the Hells Canyon case.

The commission's opinion, he said, suggested the damming of the Salmon and Clearwater Rivers of Idaho to get flood control benefits which the senator said are lost through abandonment of plans for a high federal dam in Hells Canyon.

"The Salmon River is by far the principal fish-spawning realm in the region," Neuberger said. "The Clearwater contains not only fish but also rich scenic and wildlife values. The Power Commission, by proposing that 'control of the flood flows by the Columbia River can be accomplished by a number of different combinations,' and specifically referred to the storage to be achieved on the Clearwater and Salmon tributaries."

Neuberger continued that, once these rivers are dammed, the fish migrations of the Columbia River basin probably would "pass into limbo."

"The dams proposed for the Salmon and the Clearwater," he added, "will not be relatively low dams like Bonneville, The Dalles, Lee Harbor and John Day—dams about 100 feet high which fish can pass upstream and downstream. They are to be dams ranging in height from 222 feet to over 575 feet. No salmon could surmount such dams on the way up-river to spawn. Furthermore, the fingerling fish surely would be destroyed dropping over such narrows en route downstream to the sea."

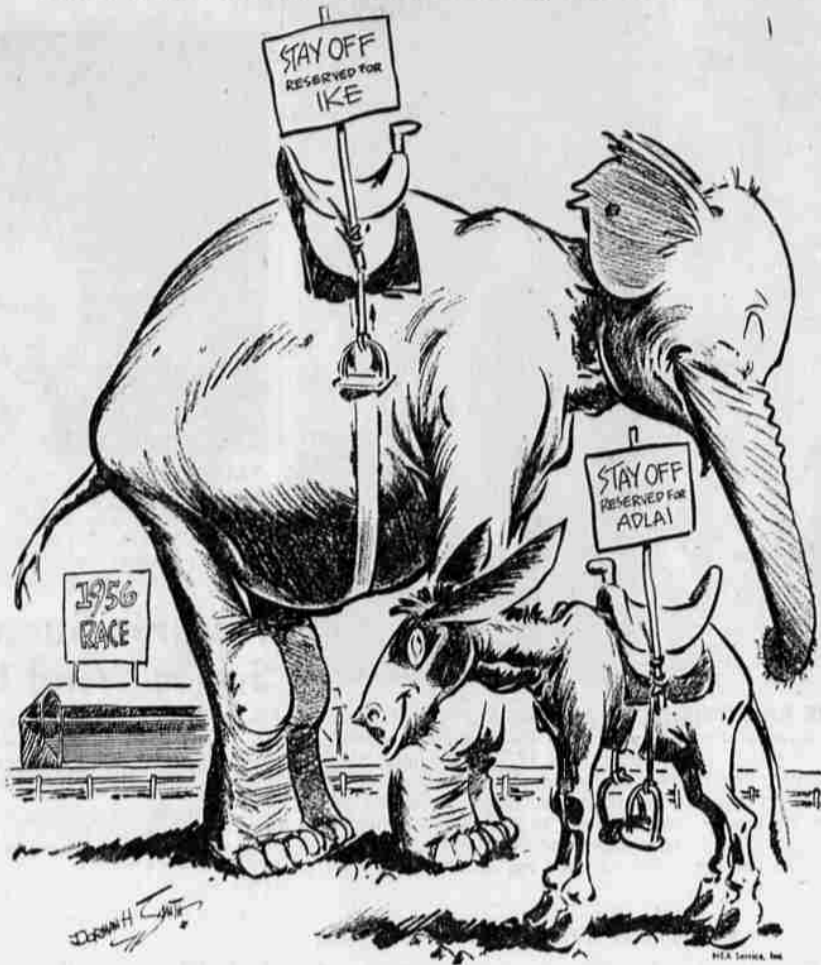
North Bend Boy Dies From Accident Injuries

NORTH BEND, Ore. (AP) — A 2-year-old boy died in a hospital here early Saturday of injuries suffered when he was run over by a car near his home in the North Coos River area.

Relatives said the boy, Jerry Edwards, had gone with his 9-year-old brother, Jeffrey, to meet their father Friday evening. Jeffrey walked across the highway and Jerry, who was following him, was struck by a car.

The father, Osro Edwards, drove up just after the boy was hit and brought him to a hospital here where he died a few hours later.

There's Not Much Use in Holding the Conventions



Television Fails To Keep Continuity Of Personnel Among Producers, Directors

By CHARLES MERCER
NEW YORK (AP) — It's probable that a big majority of the television audience is unfamiliar with the name of Arthur Penn. It's also probable that within a few years his name will be quite familiar. How will this happen? Well, Penn might direct a couple of Broadway stage hits or a movie that cops a prize. Then, as the warm wave of publicity breaks over Arthur Penn's head, he will be called the noted director of television dramas.

But let's get this straight at once, Penn is not a publicity hound. He merely represents a condition in the television industry. Unlike the movie industry, television generally fails to maintain continuity of personnel in its producers, directors and writers. In Penn's own words:

"Television refuses to grow up and stay where a legitimate medium. Its people have to go to films or the stage to acquire prominent stature."

Penn is a lean, quiet-speaking ex-Infantryman who failed to return to his native Philadelphia after World War II. Instead, he took his discharge in Europe and worked around the continent as a stage manager for "soldier shows." After studying philosophy and literature in this country and Italy, he returned to New York in 1951, flat broke, and hit NBC Television "on a lucky day when they were hiring 12 stage managers."

He became one of the bright young people whom a rather fabulous fellow, Producer Fred

Coe, drew around him in the development of some of television's finest talents. With Delbert Mann and Vincent J. Donohue he makes up a triumvirate of brilliant young directors. He is directing "The King and Mrs. Canale," which will appear on "Producers' Showcase" (NBC-TV) Aug. 22, and has started work on a series of hour-long live dramas which will come to the TV screen every fortnight in the fall.

He also is directing a play, "Blue Denim," which will premiere on Broadway Nov. 28.

Mann and Donohue also are directing plays in addition to their TV work. Mann is an example of a noted television director who was practically unknown to the general public until he went outside the fold. After directing the prize-winning movie adaptation of Paddy Chayefsky's "Marty," he suddenly had stature in the public mind.

Why does television fail, with a few notable exceptions, to build this stature of its directors, writers, actors, producers?

"Well," says Penn, "I think that television management is oriented in its viewpoint around the comedians especially. The comedians are the royalty of television. Their careers are mercenary. They interest the out sponsors because they get big ratings and sell the products. But they also burn out quickly."

He pauses thoughtfully and then adds, "but maybe it won't always be that way. A lot of us are happy to see that a growing number of people recognize one fact: The good drama shows keep drawing steadily. They have a consistent high rating for the dollar invested. And, this being business, you never can forget the dollar invested."

Reynolds Company Gives 11 1/2 Cent Pay Boost

CHICAGO (AP) — Some 9,000 employees in nine plants of the Reynolds Metals Co., a spokesman said Saturday, will receive wage increases of 11 1/2 cents an hour and other benefits under terms of an agreement reached with the CIO United Steelworkers of America.

Negotiations between the company and union resumed Friday after a week's recess because of the death of Richard S. Reynolds Sr., ended early Saturday with agreement on the wage issue.

Accidents Claim Two Men In Jackson Co.

MEDFORD (AP) — Accidents caused the deaths of two men in Jackson County.

Louis Ford, 83, of nearby Camp White, was fatally injured Thursday night when hit by a car driven by Wilbur G. Fehl, prospect, on the Crater Lake Highway, eight miles north of here.

State police said they were told Ford walked into the path of the car.

William Arvil Pendley, 28, Gold Hill, died of injuries suffered early Friday at the Stage Coach Lumber Co. sawmill. He was working on an older machine.

A piece of lumber came back through the safety guard, striking him in the ribs. This caused him to fall back and strike his head.

STUDENTS TO ASSEMBLE
SALEM (AP) — Student officers of 125 Oregon high schools will meet at the University of Oregon, Aug. 14-19 for a student council workshop. It will be the first one ever held in Oregon.

About 140 students will attend plus 50 high school principals and advisers who will conduct the training.

Schoolmaster's Son Faces Charges Of Slaying Wife

LONDON (AP) — The schoolmaster's son of The London Yard's chief detective superintendent was charged Saturday with murdering his pretty blonde wife and baby daughter.

Pipe-smoking Frederick James Chapman, about 40, was formally booked for court hearing after hours of questioning.

Chapman's father was chief of Scotland Yard's famed murder squad until his death two weeks ago.

The victims were Mrs. Irene Chapman, 39, and her baby girl, Irene.

Scotland Yard said that Chapman, who teaches at a school in the fashionable suburb of Orpington, had called Friday night at a police station in Brighton, 50 miles south of London. His story led police to break into the Chapman's white bungalow at Orpington, where the bodies of the mother and child were found. No details of his story were disclosed.

The bodies of Mrs. Chapman and Irene were in the bungalow's blood-spattered bathroom. A senior investigator said "each received head wounds."

Advisory Council Head To Appear At House Hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Walter White, executive director of the Commerce Department's Business Advisory Council, said here he'll be at a House hearing Wednesday, but he declined to say whether he'd have any records with him.

"No comment," he told a reporter who asked about that angle. He said he had been subpoenaed to appear with the records of the council.

The Commerce Department refused Saturday to release them to the House Judiciary subcommittee, which is digging into the activities of "WOCOS"—businessmen who served "without compensation" for the government.

The department's counsel said the request was "illegal." Rep. Celler (D-NY), chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee making the probe, shot back with the subpoena.

The Business Advisory Council includes some 20 executives of the country's largest corporations. A Commerce Department representative said the BAC reports directly to Secretary of Commerce Weeks, advising him on national business affairs.

Husband Of 15 Gets Divorce From First Wife

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The last 15 wives of Francis Van Wie could breathe easier Friday. The "Ding Dong Daddy of the D Line" finally got around to divorcing his first wife.

The onetime streetcar conductor obtained an interlocutory decree against Mabel Joyce Van Wie on charges of desertion.

Van Wie, 69, said Mabel Joyce left him in 1940. After his 19th marriage (since annulled) in 1953, Van Wie served five months for bigamy.

He is on seven-year probation with specific instructions not to remarry during that period.

"What?" said Judge Samuel R. Blake, when Van Wie appeared before him, "you again?" Van Wie explained that he wanted to "clear up the record," because he "wasn't sure" whether Mabel Joyce, whom he had married in 1924 in Durand, Wis., had ever obtained a divorce.

Judge Blake granted the divorce and reminded him that he was under court order not to remarry. The little man looked up and said quietly:

"I don't want to get married again. I just want to die in peace."

Reader Opinions

Specific Objections To Picnickers Listed

ROSEBURG (AP) — In reply to the Aug. 4, Reader Opinion letter, further investigation would prove conditions to be otherwise than stated.

The land owners do not mind those who use the beach properly. But they do not like to be chased off their own land by those using it.

The beer party by those of the past and also of those who go over as a party to swim, ski, picnic and drink beer in excess while handling a boat, is not in good taste, nor are beer cans and bottles on the beach. Would those who throw them on the beach do the same in their yards? Broken glass has no respect for bare feet.

Also another subject, the boats on the river that have the power to race should respect the swimmers in the mouth of the South river. They race down river and then back into the beach do not regard those enjoying a swim.

They should race in the river below The Forks, for if they should hit someone while at high speed it does little good to say "I am sorry" to the one who is hurt and maybe maimed. To you speed boat sportsmen it would be nice if you respected the swimmers in the South river.

As for myself and others who

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consider his application for a commission.

Senator Smith's statement is confirmed by Navy Secretary Thomas, who has just announced that he will review the case fully and impartially.

In situations of this sort, it's so hard to judge when we know so little of all the circumstances. I think it will be better to withhold judgment until we know more of the facts.

Visitation of the sins of the parents upon the children is an ancient human tragedy. Euripides referred to it some four centuries before the birth of Christ when he said in one of his fragments: "The gods visit the sins of the fathers upon the children."

In Merchant of Venice, some 20 centuries later, Shakespeare used almost the same words: "The sins of the father are to be laid upon the children."

I hope the time may come when human beings will be so tolerant and so fair that each of us will be judged upon HIS OWN record.

Speaking of ruckuses: Canada's army and air force have developed a difference of opinion over who should have control of ground-to-air guided missile programs.

The air force argument is understood to be that the air force is responsible for all air defense including not only interceptor planes but ground units firing missiles.

I expect the common, ordinary Canadian won't care much who saves him from invading enemy bombers — in case Canada should be invaded. His chief interest will lie in BEING SAVED.

French Premier Faure tells the French national assembly in Paris that France's living standard will DOUBLE in the next ten years if economic progress in the country continues at the present rate.

How come the present satisfying rate of economic progress? Well, the French seem to have quit quarreling and GONE TO WORK.

Weather note: On the nation's weather front, showers and cooler air have brought relief to the HEAT STRICKEN regions of the Midwest.

But many parts of the Eastern and Southern sections of the nation are still SIZZLING in hot and humid weather.

Pretty rugged? Wait a minute. Listen to Mr. Dun and Mr. Bradstreet, the noted business prognosticators:

"Retail merchants are smashing all prior records for mid-summer business. Despite SIZZLING temperatures, retail sales for the week just ended were at the HIGHEST LEVEL EVER ATTAINED at this time of year."

"All major areas of the nation racked up better sales records than in the comparable week last year. . . Merchants in resort areas enjoyed the biggest tourist business on record."

We grumble about the weather, but when all's said and done we take it in stride.

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